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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, it is here alleged that one Dr. A. Kumaraswamy of Salem has complained against an officer who issued a false nativity certificate? Who is the officer concerned, and what is the region from which he hails?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Why the hon. Member is particular to get this information, I am not able to understand, Sir.

Relief measures in Tirunelveli district due to failure of rains.

* 3168 *Q.*—SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to carry out any, and if so, what relief measures in Udangudi and Sattankulam firkas of Tiruchendur taluk, and Tisaiyanvillai firka of Nanguneri taluk in Tirunelveli district where a large number of palmya trees have dried up and died owing to failure of rains during the current year; and

(*b*) whether the Government have sanctioned any remission of land revenue in those areas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) The Government have asked the Collector of Tirunelveli to take up new road works under the Post-War Road Development Scheme as low-scale Famine Relief works in Sattankulam and Udangudy firkas of Tiruchendur taluk to provide employment to the agricultural labourers. They have also asked the Collector to take up, in addition, wherever suitable, works for excavation of the tank-beds and repair of bunds as low-scale famine relief works. An allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 has been sanctioned for the purpose. In Nanguneri taluk also, similar relief works have been sanctioned besides the revival in the Radhapuram and Tisayanvilai firkas of the special scheme for a free grant of Rs. 150 per well for deepening private and public drinking water wells by six feet.

(*b*) Seasonal remission was granted to the extent of Rs. 13,810–11–0 in fasli 1364 in the Sattankulam and Udangudi firkas of Tiruchendur taluk. In Tisaiyanvilai and Radhapuram firkas of Nanguneri taluk, a special remission of Rs. 13,784 was granted for dry lands and a remission of Rs. 30,370 was granted for wet lands in fasli 1364.

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Sir, as the Hon. the Finance Minister observed in his budget speech that the Nanguneri taluk had become dry this year on account of the failure of rains, will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to investigate whether in Nanguneri taluk alone the rains have failed or they have failed in the surrounding areas of Tiruchendur taluk also, and take necessary steps for the amelioration of the condition of the people?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I believe steps are already taken and also are being taken.